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THINGS DULY OBSERVED.

COMMENTS AND OPINIONS IN TYPE.

What is Heard, Seen, Learned and Perceived Suggested to the Multitude.

On next Monday THE CHRISTMAS COURIER will go to the press and the muched talked of holiday number will shortly thereafter be in the hands of the COURIER's readers. It has been the publishers particular aim to present in this years issue, not only an array of fine contributions in general, but more particularly to secure for this issue, to a limited number, the best articles from local writers, more so than from those abroad. We have excellent talent here at home in this line and when it is known that several of the contributors are paid writers for such magazines as Scribner's, Century, etc., the work may be more fully appreciated. Aside from these are articles (fully illustrated by Gertrude Harrison, Olive Harper, James Whitecomb Riley, F. R. Burton and other prominent writers whose work will find space in this issue. Elegant large engravings will arrive in due season from New York, and those now ready for press, will make the pictorial part surpass anything of the kind attempted before in the state. Another fine feature will be the publishing of Miss Marie Janssen's famous song, with complete instrumental score, from Ermine as sung by her every night for nearly a year at the Casino in New York City.

Contrary to its usual course, THE COURIER has made numerous promises, but at this writing it feels fully justified in saying that every such promise will be fully carried out.

The paper will consist of eight pages on cream tinted book paper, with a heavy pearl colored cover, artistically gotten up, and only a limited number of papers will be printed and we would again request our patrons who desire extra copies to leave their order at this office for same or communicate with us by telephone number 235. This will be a splendid paper to send to distant friends and relatives and will not only speak well for western society but for the enterprise of a western town.

Already members for the coming session of the legislature are on the ground and in fact have been arriving for the past week or more. Much wire pulling and lobbying promises to be done this session and airof the deft fingers of boodle seekers and law butchers are to be seen in the field. Of course the railroad question and others equal to it will again be a prominent figure before this body.

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I am told that a wager was made Thursday between four young gentlemen, all salesmen in O street stores, that the man who would wed first was to receive the prize. Each gentleman placed \$25.00 in the hands of the stakeholder, and if I am allowed to judge, according to report, all four will be "doubled up" within six months. But the lucky one takes off the \$100 and it will be interesting to watch the result. Now then whose name will be Eli?

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The Art Amateur for December contains a colored study reproduced from a sketch in oil exhibited last season in the "Salmon Club," New York city. The artist is Francis Damp, a grandson of Elder Howe, of this city. His sketch, "Hearts are Trumps," was bought by Mr. Marks, editor of the Art Amateur, who now uses it as a study in the family supply store of Louie Meyer & Co., Tenth street, near O. They have everything in dry goods, from cheapest to best, full line of furnishing goods for both ladies and gentlemen, and certainly out of their immense stock you can find just what you want and are looking for.

The monthly meeting of the Haydon Art club on Monday evening promises to be one of singular interest. The meeting will be held in the Supreme Court room, post office building, where the great picture is now on exhibition. A number of members are assigned a part in the programme which concerns itself with the Munich school of painting and Pinty's influence therein; also an informal discussion of the beautiful work of art whose presence will be the charm of the evening. The public is invited to participate, the usual entrance fee being charged. Members of the club who have already paid an admission, will be supplied, in the side room with passes good while the picture remains. Members who visit the picture for the first time will receive similar passes on payment of the ordinary entrance fee.

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brilliant array of illustrators are, among others, Howard Pyle, Elwin A. Abbey, W. Hamilton Gibson, F. S. Church, F. Childe Hassam, W. L. Taylor, St. John Harper, Walter Crane, F. T. Merrill, Frederic Remington, E. H. Garrett, and J. D. Woodward. The bold and novel design of the cover, which is printed in gold and crimson on tinted paper, unites with the other features to make it altogether an uncommonly rich and brilliantly attractive holiday publication.—Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 40 cents a copy; \$1.00 a year.

The Christmas number of *Table Talk* is full, to overflowing, of everything that relates to the day of glee and festivity, and its readers will find, before they get through with it, enough to make them look for the coming of "the day," with more than their usual impatience. "Bethlehem"—an ant poem—aptly illustrated—by Joseph Whitten, heads the contents; then comes "A Christmas Dinner," by Mrs. Roer, in which that authoritative adviser gives some valuable points on this feast; her "How to Live on a Thousand a Year" is continued in this number, also indispensable answers to "Housekeepers' Inquiries"; "Christmas in Foreign Lands," "A Christmas Ramble Among the Nuts," Ethel's Christmas Decorations," "Attractive and Inexpensive Gifts," an original Christmas story, "Vesta's Bequest," and a "Christmas Problem," with a generous offer of a prize to every solver, are among the contents; also interesting articles by Tillie May Forney, William Struthers, S. T. Sherman, Kate Catherwood, and other pleasing writers. *Table Talk* is published at \$1.00 a year by the *Table Talk* Publishing Co., 402, 404 & 406 Race Street, Philadelphia.

If this issue of the COURIER is not up to the standard of excellence, we trust our readers will bear with us this time and overlook anything that may appear irregular or lacking. Publishing Eve issues this month, besides a holiday issue (which by the way comes out Tuesday morning), and much extra work in our job department, has crowded our office force. However, as the Christmas number is given all readers gratis, we think there will be no fault to find.

Believing that membership in a whist club is inconsistent with church and Sunday school work, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wier appeared before the La Veta whist club, whose organization was recently noticed in these columns, and asked leave to withdraw, to which the club reluctantly consented. Whilst playing in a strictly private circle like this one is certainly an innocent amusement, but where it proves a grievance to older christians and possibly a bad example to the younger, it is better not to participate in it and the club commanded the course of the retiring members.

Only about one week until Christmas and then all joys and happiness long looked for will be at hand, and just now about all that occupies the mind of a generous and loving citizen is what to give and what would make the best present. This question can easily and most satisfactorily be answered by any of the several polite and attentive salesmen in the family supply store of Louie Meyer & Co., Tenth street, near O. They have everything in dry goods, from cheapest to best, full line of furnishing goods for both ladies and gentlemen, and certainly out of their immense stock you can find just what you want and are looking for.

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In Their New Home.

A COURIER reporter happening by the mammoth furniture house of Messrs. Hardy & Pitcher, now situated in the new Woods block on south Eleventh street, last Saturday evening, and calling to mind the fact that it was the formal opening of this young and prosperous business house, snugly fixed in their new quarters, dropped in with the crowd to view the elegant line of goods displayed to the public's gaze.

The first floor is lined along the wall with the latest designs of folding beds, while on the second floor can be seen the most elegant line of parlor furniture ever placed on sale in Lincoln. The third floor is devoted exclusively to bed room sets, sets that are within the reach of all, the salesman who accompanied the reporter through the building explaining that they could be bought from \$15 upward.

The fourth floor is used by the firm for the workshops and storeroom for goods that are not set up and are therefore kept in readiness for shipping to surrounding towns, as the house already enjoys a healthy jobbing trade.

A large hydraulic elevator connects the floors and incandescent electric lights furnish the light for the entire building, thus enabling those to call in the evening, whose business keeps them through the day. Everything throughout the building is in keeping with the modern improvements of the day and the proprietors may feel well assured that their efforts have been crowned with success. The COURIER predicts for them a large and increasing business.

Aprons make a very pretty and sensible Christmas gift. Ashby & Millspugh show a great line from 25c to 30c each.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1888.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SEEN AT THE PLAY HOUSES.

MATTERS MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

A Review of the Past, a Word for the Present and Prospects for Future Amusements.

THE WORLD AGAINST HER.

The Grismer Davies Co., held the boards at the Funkie last Monday evening, presenting their new play, "The World Against Her." Miss Davies in the title role is a decided success and won the admiration of all present, as was the case last season when she appeared here in "Called Back." Mr. Grismer also deserves much praise for the admirable support he gives Miss Davies by the careful rendition of his part. One or two members of the company were seen to disadvantage, owing to the fact of their being assigned new roles, otherwise the show is a success and should have had a larger house.

HANVER'S MINSTRELS.

This great aggregation of minstrel talent appeared at Funkie's on Tuesday evening to a large house. To please everyone with a minstrel performance is impossible, but nearly all present Tuesday night has a good word for the show. The singing in the first part, the main feature of an entertainment of this kind was good, some features in particular deserving especial mention. The solos of Mr. Norre and Mr. Crowley were both rendered in admirable style as was the business of Mr. Frank Cushman on the end. Howe and Doyle introduced the statuary in the finest style and excelled the most difficult steps in a manner which proves them to be at the head of their profession. The part of the programme filled by the "Japs" totally eclipsed anything of the kind ever seen in this city, the skill they displayed in their feats of balancing and tumbling being something really marvelous. Taken all together it is a good show.

FROM SHIRE TO SON.

Milton and Dolly Nobles presented this their latest success Funkie's Thursday evening to a moderate sized house. Mr. and Mrs. Nobles in the title roles were seen to their best advantage while the whole company tendered them an exceptionally good support. The plot is laid in the far west and introduced all the characters usually found in mining camps and their surroundings. It is entirely different from Mr. Nobles' other plays, in which he established his reputation, and pleased the audience equally as well as any of his former efforts.

AT THE PEOPLES THIS WEEK.

The largest and most complete line of New Year's calling cards ever seen in this city have been received at this office and we will be pleased to have you call and see them. The styles this season are entirely different from anything yet seen and some of them are really works of art.

Miss Stella Fitzgerald who has been the guest of Miss May Paxton for the past several months, returned to her home in Port Huron, Mich. yesterday. During the lady's stay here she made numerous friends who regret to hear of her departure and look forward to a future visit with pleasant anticipations.

Mr. W. A. Abbott has bought Mr. Frank Cather's interest in the Capitol Hotel building and parlors. Mr. Abbott goes east next week to get a new outfit of baileys, cues, etc., and intends fitting up the rooms in metropolitan style. He has already had the parlors papered and painted.

Dr. and Mrs. Bently have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their little son, Mabel, who passed to the other side Tuesday night, at the parental home, 235 south Ninth street. The funeral took place Thursday and was attended by sorrowing friends and relatives of the family.

Our genial friend, W. B. Howard, who recently moved his stock to the new Zorring block, corner of Twelfth and N Streets, has scattered silver coin all over the floor of his new store. Dollars, halves and quarter pieces are to be seen in the wood and the scheme is an enterprising and novel one that reflects credit on Lincoln's popular new druggist.

We wish once more to call attention to the fact that the holidays are not far off, and those who intend to receive, should hand in their names at once, as the COURIER of the 25th will contain a complete list. Our readers will do well to bear this in mind as the prospects are that a large list will appear and we wish to slight no one.

On the fifth page of today's COURIER we present to the notice of our readers a new and touching tribute to the late General Sherman in the shape of a musical selection by John Dowitt arranged by Max Fehmire. We will continue to produce such selections as we will please our readers and will endeavor to obtain nothing but the newest and best pieces as soon as they are published.

The pet stock show, of which so much has been said in the papers of late, opened Monday, and during the week has attracted large crowds of spectators who were delighted with the exhibit of several hundred displays of fowls. The exhibition closes tonight and with it closes the most successful chicken show ever attempted in the state, for all of which Mr. Gordon Betts, the society secretary deserves much credit.

The fair and festival held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Universal church was a decided success in every particular. Music, sweetmeats, and refreshments generally, aside from the many pretty things to be observed, made the affair a very pleasant entertainment. The sale of articles was large and we are pleased to state that the efforts of the ladies has resulted in supplying a vanancy in the exchequer.

The new Murray hotel at Omaha is doing finely and numbers among its patrons many who formerly registered at the Paxton. The cuisine of the Murray is said to be particularly good, which statement we can readily believe after inspecting the Thanksgiving bill of fare in use at this house. It is one of the best in a collection of several hundred now lying on our desk.—*Chicago Hotel Reporter*.

IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS CHRONICLED.

ACCOUNTS OF BALLS, PARTIES, WEDDINGS, ETC., THAT HAVE ENTERTAINED SOCIETY.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. L. E. Becker left for Boston Tuesday.

Mrs. Nellie Baum has returned from school to spend the holidays.

Mr. Wm. Raines, with Burr & Leeson, left for Cincinnati, Wednesday evening.

J. E. Spencer, after a siege with rheumatism, is able to about again, Tuesday.

Misses May and Lame Dundy of Omaha, Giles, Ollie and Minnie Latta, Martha and Clara Funke, Gundry, Snelling, Hawkins, Moore and Sudloth.

Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. James, Misses Fitzgerald of Port Huron, Mich., May Potvin, Hathaway, Agie, Cowdry, Lulu Clarke, May and Lame Dundy of Omaha, Giles, Ollie and Minnie Latta, Martha and Clara Funke, Gundry, Snelling, Hawkins, Moore and Sudloth.

Mrs. Will Heiskell, Nutt, Lomist, Mohrensteher, Foresman, Zehring, Henkle, Hardy, Will and Charlie Clark, Thompson, Badger, Everett, George McArthur, Wright, Lieut. Griffin, Lieut. Pershing, Frank Smith, Holden, Templeton, Law, Robert Muir, Northam, Magoon, Dawes, Mason.

A Double Wedding.

The wedding ceremony performed Tuesday by the Rev. H. J. Davis, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burks, on P street, proved doubly interesting from the fact that two of their daughters left the parental roof at the same time. Mr. J. W. Tait claiming the hand of Miss Lucy E. Burks, while John E. Barber and Miss Hattie Burks were made man and wife. Day light was excluded, the parlors and the rooms being illuminated with the mellow light from gas jets and the walls festooned with silk. In the centre of the room suspended from the ceiling hung a large marquise bell composed of flowers and underneath it stood the happy couple where they were pronounced man and wife. The ceremony was performed precisely as the clock tolled the noonday hour.

Both brides wore dresses alike, of cream white hemetria, cut princess style with long trains. All present sat down to a sumptuous dinner, after which Mr. and Mrs. Barber left at once for Omaha, which city they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Tait remained at home until evening, when they will make their home in Lincoln, where everything was in readiness to begin housekeeping. Both couples received a large number of handsome and useful presents. The COURIER extends best wishes to all concerned, for a life full of happiness and prosperity.

Pleasant Hour Juniors.

The Pleasant Hour Juniors gave the second of their series of delightful parties last night at Temple Hall. Owing to the fact of the COURIER going to press earlier than usual this week on account of extra work entailed by the Christmas Number we are unable to give a list of the names. A number of delightful dances were enjoyed according to a well arranged programme under the efficient leadership of Mr. W. E. Clark.

Among the visitors present were Miss Dundy of Omaha, Miss Gundry, of Wisconsin and Miss Sudloth, of Wausau, Minn. The music rendered by the Philharmonic Orchestra was to far the best of the season, and all report having a delightful time.

The Great Chicken Show.

"All things come to him who waits," and after waiting patiently for some time we have at last witnessed the fifth annual exhibition of the Nebraska Poultry and Pet Stock Association. It can truly be said that without a doubt this year's showing exceeds by far that of any previous exhibit.

Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, dogs, white rats and even alligators greeted the reporter's eye as he entered the room, while the racket and din raised by the male members of the feathered tribe reminded one of the occasion on which we ratified the election of Harrison. Today is the last day of the exhibition and all those who have not yet attended should do so at once.

The Finest Train in the World.

The Golden Gate Special of the Union Pacific, "The Overland Route" between Council Bluffs, Omaha and San Francisco is "The Finest Train in the World." It is composed of Pullman Vestibule Cars, with lining car, steam heat, electric light, separate bath rooms for ladies and gentlemen, barber shop, library, observation, and smoking rooms. A lady attendant for the ladies and children. A modern hotel on wheels. Leaves Council Bluffs every Wednesday, 7:45 a. m. Arrives at San Francisco every Friday, 9:45 p. m. Fare, including berths, meals and all convenience, \$100.00. Secure your accommodations early.

Willie we Have Missed You!

Odeill's boarders who occupy the table in the southeast corner of the dining hall were startled to find one of the chairs artistically draped with cape Tuesday noon. Investigation proved the fact that it was the accusation cast out of "Dad" Tait, who had left the ranks to become a married man.

None to Her Best.

It is with profound regret we announce the death of one of Lincoln's most loving wives and mothers, Mrs. Dr. Giffen. After a short illness of only eight days Mrs. Giffen passed away Thursday evening at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Giffen has always been the picture of health and would never have led one to suppose but she enjoyed it. Heart trouble was the cause of her sudden and unexpected demise. She leaves a loving husband and three small children to mourn her loss. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence northwest corner of H and 13th streets.

The Bluecoat Ball.

The annual ball of the Lincoln police will be given next Thursday at Bohannon's hall. The boys are making ample preparations for a grand time and all who attend may depend on enjoying themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ziener accompanied by Miss Lulu